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# Patuxent Valley

Howard County Middle School/ Gifted and Talented Education Program



## What's New in the G/T Program

### Fall G/T2006

Parent Orientation

When: Wednesday,  
October 11

Where: Room 124 on the  
Blue Hallway

Time: 5 – 6 PM

Contact: Mrs. Cephas  
410.880.5840

### WANTED

The PVMS G/T program needs two parents to represent the school at the The G/T Advisory Steering Committee meetings. These sessions are held in collaboration with the HCPSS G/T Education Program.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3 after the Parent Academy, from 8 – 8:30 am in the Susquehanna Room at The Faulkner Ridge Center. Please contact Mrs. Cephas at 410 880 5840 or [icephas@hcpss.org](mailto:icephas@hcpss.org) if you are interested.

G/T Seminars are being offered to all Patuxent Valley students!

The Black Saga Seminar began on September 21.

The debate seminar began on Monday, September 25 with Mr. Malveaux.

The computer graphics seminar will begin on September 29.

The Bulldog Book Club Seminar will begin on Friday, September 29.

Students will discuss the book *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi. In order to participate in this seminar, all students must read the book prior to the discussion.

The following books will be discussed:  
November – *Messenger* by Lois Lowry

December – *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

January – *Story Time* by Edward Bloor

February – *Whirligig* by Paul Fleishman

March – *Pirates!* by Celia Rees

April – *Stuck in Neutral* by Terry Trueman

May – *Behind You* by Jacqueline Woodson

Seminars are held during the school day. Students must get a pass from Mrs. Cephas and have it signed by their teachers. The seminars will be rotated on different days and different periods.

### Upcoming Seminars:

- \* Video production with a camcorder
- \* Organizing a tennis tournament for middle school students
- \* Shakespeare Festival Seminar
- \* History Day Seminar

## Answers to frequently asked questions about the G/T Program

Your child MUST take the G/T test in order to be considered for one of the four G/T classes.

The G/T test is given in the spring and the fall. It is also given to students entering Howard County Public School System during the school year. The test for the 2007 – 2008 school year will be administered in February 2007.

Students who were in a G/T program in another state or another county in Maryland must take the G/T test for Howard County.

The four G/T classes are: English, social studies, math and science